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## **Mission and Guidelines & Rules**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Cedar River Council promotes the health of the Cedar River Basin, focusing on lower basin issues. The Council is comprised of basin residents, and representatives of community groups, businesses, and local, state, federal and tribal governments.

The Cedar River Council will continue to be an effective public forum where Cedar River stakeholder and residents engage and communicate with each other to:

- Monitor and support the implementation of Cedar River elements of regional plans such as: WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan, King County Flood Hazard Management Plan, Cedar River Basin Plan and recommend changes as appropriate.
- Support actions, programs, and projects that
  - reduce flood hazards,
  - protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat,
  - provide recreational opportunities, and
  - maintain high water quality and sufficient flows
  - while recognizing private property rights and the need for a viable economy in the basin; and
- Advocate Cedar River issues to the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, the Metropolitan King County Council, Seattle Public Utilities, King County Flood Control District, the Regional Water Quality Committee, and other appropriate entities.
- Seek to engage those that affect and use the Cedar River Basin.

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### **Cedar River Council Meeting Guidelines:**

- Remember the Council's goal and mission.
- Respect the opinions of other Council members and members of the public.
- Address and focus on the issue not the person or the organization.
- Avoid redundancy.
- Avoid dominating the discussion.
- Begin meetings on time and honor time limits.
- Establish the decision points for items needing a decision.



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### **Decision Making Principles:**

- **Consensus:** The CRC will strive to operate by consensus. Consensus is defined as “all CRC members can live with the recommendation or decisions.” All recommendations and materials will be reviewed and discussed by the CRC before being forwarded to any organization. [\(See the CRC membership roster for voting and non-voting members.\)](#)
- **Decision Making:** Decisions will be made by consensus of those CRC members present at a meeting.
  1. **Correspondence/Product:** CRC correspondence/products can be developed and disseminated only when the decision to do so was made by consensus.
  2. **Correspondence/Product Development:** CRC Coordinator will strive get CRC member agreement on each draft correspondence/product developed for the CRC. Where there is disagreement on the content of the draft correspondence/product, and the CRC Coordinator is not able to negotiate an agreement, the final decision will be made by CRC Co-Chairs.
- **Absence of Consensus:** If consensus cannot be reached CRC members will be asked to articulate areas of agreement and disagreement and the reasons why differences exist. If the CRC member chooses to articulate areas of agreement and disagreement, members representing the different perspectives on specific issues will be asked to prepare language reflecting their views to be included in the minutes. The language should clearly identify the issues and information needs and uncertainties. In addition, those members that support each perspective will be identified in the minutes.

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**2023 Cedar River Council Meeting Schedule (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)**

Dates	Topics
January 24	CRC Admin Work
February 28	Riverbend Project Update
March 28	Green River Fish Study
April 25	<u>Cedar River Climate Change symposium – SPU, KC , UW</u>
May 23	<u>CRC Sockeye Symposium; WDFW, SPU, Muckleshoot Tribe,</u>
June 27	<u>Field Meeting</u>
July 25	Field Meeting
August – vacation	Vacation
September 26	Field Meeting/ <u>presentation</u>
October 24	<u>I heart Cedar River meeting – discuss if feasible with Max.</u>
November 28	
December - vacation	Vacation

**Deleted:** CRC Annual Fish Symposium

**2022 CRC Presentations/Discussions**

- CRC Sockeye Emergency Response Effort – WDFW, SPU
- Lones Levee Setback and Floodplain Restoration, Project Update -- King County DNRP
- Cedar River Project at Rainbow Bend -- King County DNRP
- Cedar River Project at Riverbend – King County DNRP
- King County/Cedar River Land Conservation Efforts
  - Cedar/Issaquah Systems Land Acquisition Priorities – King County DNRP
  - Land Conservation Initiative – King County DNRP
  - Rock Creek Watershed Habitat Project Update – City of Kent
- King County Flood Hazard Management Plan – King County DNRP
- Rutledge Johnson Project Update – King County DNRP
- Cedar River Sockeye Recovery Status Report -- CRC



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### Future Topics

- Land acquisition and conservation
- Culvert work – King County Culvert program. WSDOT, KC Roads
- Gas pipeline construction – NB to check on this for 2023
- Rezoning along Cedar River for industrial use – Seek to secure this information. Hugh Brown
- CRC-sponsored in-person workshop/meeting for March or April 2023 with WDFW and SPU – already identified to occur in May 2023.
- SPU presentation on fish passage work, fish data, and water quality data – Maybe seek to secure in April
- Cedar River Climate Change symposium– what are the threats to the Cedar River as a result of the climate change. Related SPU water forecast, and what is this forecast based on. April.
- Consider possible dam decommissioning in 2023 (may need to consult the U.S. EPA)
- Presentation on Riverbend project updates and allow for citizen engagement. Schedule a post-construction tour?
- Research collecting information on both sockeye spawning surveys for the Riverbend presentation and any project cost savings to aid in noise mitigation for residents in the area
- I heart Cedar River
- King County Flood Hazard Management Plan update – Identify opportune time of when to present in the CRC.

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### Meeting locations:

- Renton Community Center
- Maple Valley Community Center

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